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Dear Frank:

Thank you very much for your letter of 26 April 1982 and for the reprint of your thought-provoking article, "A New Strategy for the West."

I was pleased to note that you specifically reaffirmed your belief in the importance of NATO while you illuminated the very real dangers that have developed in other areas. We must not relax our efforts to maintain our traditional security priorities as we also face up to new challenges elsewhere.

I know you realize that strategy formulation is a policy function for which US intelligence must play a supporting and non-dominating role. While I applaud your effort to define an alternative approach to the defense of the Free World, I really should avoid specific endorsement of any particular policy option out of context of the regular government decision process.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey